

Adding 'ing'

Some simple rules and examples

What do we do?

Look at and read the word.

Listen to the vowel sound – is it long
or short?

See what happens to the short vowel
words here...

Short vowel sounds

- lap
- beg
- hit
- nod
- put

- lapping
- begging
- hitting
- nodding
- putting

Rule

- If the vowel is a short sound with only one consonant after it, then you must double the consonant.

How many consonants after the short vowel sound here?

- back
- stick
- stand
- hunt
- bank
- turn
- jump
- lift
- backing
- sticking
- standing
- hunting
- banking
- turning
- jumping
- lifting

**If the vowel is a short sound,
but has more than one
consonant after it then –
just add ‘ing’**

Can you think of any more words like
these?

Look at the next list of words

Tell your neighbour what you notice
– there is something the *same* about
each one...

Look...

- come
- hope
- joke
- fake
- slide
- hide
- take
- tune

- coming
- hoping
- joking
- faking
- sliding
- hiding
- taking
- tuning

Rule

- If it ends in 'e' – drop the 'e' when adding 'ing'



**Now you think what the
next rule might be ...**

Look at this new list of words.

What is the same?

- break
- leap
- look
- sleep
- cheat
- float
- boil
- sail

- breaking
- leaping
- looking
- sleeping
- cheating
- floating
- boiling
- sailing

What is the rule?

Talk with your partner and then tell
your teacher

Rules for adding 'ing'

- Short vowel sound, with one consonant =
Double the consonant and add 'ing'
- Short vowel sound,
with two consonants= Just add 'ing'
- Ending in 'e' = Drop the 'e' then add 'ing'
- Long vowel sound = Just add 'ing'

**Sort these words into the grid
below:**

name drink snow hit

fan skip paint drive

melt wash dive swim

Look for more examples in your reading books

Just add 'ing'	Double the consonant	Drop the 'e' and add 'ing'